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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY EGYPTIAN AIRFIELDS

SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT CAIRO WEST, BENI SUEF, NEW VALLEY, AND DARAW AIRFIELDS.

2. REMARKS:

PRIOR TO THE RECENT ARAB/ISRAELI WAR THE EGYPTIANS HAD BASED MOST OF THEIR AIRCRAFT IN THE AL QAHIRAH (CAIRO) AND QANAT AS SUWAYS (SUEZ CANAL) AREAS. THIS CONCENTRATION OF THEIR AIRCRAFT IN NORTHERN EGYPT AND THE LACK OF DISPERSAL AREAS AND HARDENED FACILITIES AT THEIR PRIMARY AIRFIELDS PARTIALLY ACCOUNTED FOR THEIR ESTIMATED LOSS OF 230 FIGHTERS AND 56 BOMBERS (COMINT)\* DURING THE WAR. RUNWAY EXTENSIONS AT DARAW AND NEW VALLEY AIRFIELDS MAY BE INDICATIVE OF A CHANGE IN EGYPTIAN POLICY IN WHICH THEY NOW PLAN TO DISPERSE THEIR AIRCRAFT TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL DISPERSAL AREAS AND HANGARETTES AT CAIRO WEST AND BENI SUEF AIRFIELDS IS PROBABLY AN ATTEMPT TO CORRECT ANOTHER ONE OF THE DEFICIENCIES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT WAR.

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| 4. <u>FIRST</u> <u>IDENTIFICATION</u> :         | THIS MISSION PROVIDES THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE FOUR AIRFIELDS. |             |
| 5. HEGATION DATE:                               | CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CAN BE NECATED ON THE  |             |
|   | FOLLOWING MISSIONS:  CAIRO WEST -  | 0.EV        |
|   | BENI SUEF -  | 25 <b>X</b> |
|   | NEW VALLEY -   |             |
|   | DARAW -  |             |
| S. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:                         | NONE   |             |
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7. <u>DIMENSIONS</u>/ <u>SPECIFICATIONS</u>: CAIRO WEST - 9,770 X 205 FT NRW/SSE RUNWAY

8,125 X 150 FT E/W RUNWAY

BENI SUEF - 11,450 X 200 FT NNE/S3W RUNWAY

NEW VALLEY - 9,010 X 165 FT N/3 RUNWAY

DARAW - 9,500 X 110 FT N/S RUNWAY

8. MISSION READOUT: CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST - A NEW DISPERSAL AREA CONTAINING
6 PROBABLE HANGARETTES IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OFF THE EASTERN END OF THE
E/W RUNWAY. A TAXIWAY CONNECTING THE NEW DISPERSAL AREA TO THE E/W
RUNWAY IS ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

OB: 1 PROBABLE BADGER AND 1 POSSIBLE SMALL SWEPT-WING ATRCRAFT.

DENI SUEF AIRFIELD - TWO NEW DISPERSAL AREAS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OFF
THE NORTHERN END OF THE RUNWAY. ONE CONTAINS AT LEAST 6 MARDSTANDS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AND IS SERVED BY A LOOP TAXIWAY. A SPUR TAXIWAY LEADS NE
TO THE SECOND DISPERSAL AREA WHICH CONTAINS 5 BUILDINGS (FOSSIBLY
MANGARETTES).

OB: 7 LIGHT STRAIGHT-WING AIRCRAFT.

NEW VALLEY AIRFIELD - THE 5,000 FT RUNWAY IS BEING EXTENDED WITH THE SURFACED DIMENSIONS BEING 9,010 X 165 FT WITH AN ADDITIONAL 605 FT ON THE NORTH END, POSSIBLY UNDER PREPARATION FOR SURFACING. A CONCRETE TOUCHDOWN HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTH END.

OB: NOME OBSERVED.

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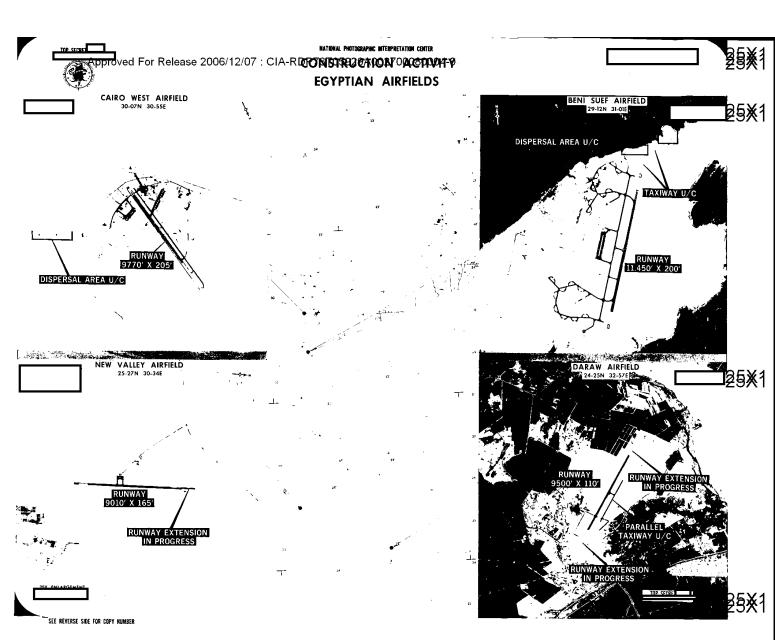
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| DARAW AIRFI | ELD - THE 6,000 FT | RUNWAY IS BEING I  | extended and resurfac                     | ED      |
| WITH BLACKT | OP. APPROXIMATE D  | IMENSIONS ARE 9,50 | OO X 110 FT. A NEW                        |         |
| PARALLEL BL | ACKTOP TAXIWAY AND | CROSSOVER LINKS A  | ARE ALSO UNDER CONSTR                     | uction. |
| OB: NONE O  | BSERVED.           |                    |   |         |
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